

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 198

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Lawrence R. Nickell of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Lawrence R. Nickell; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence Nickell was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nickell served with acumen and alacrity as a radiologist, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lexington, Kentucky, Lawrence Nickell graduated from the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville Medical School; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving his medical degree in 1952, Dr. Nickell was given the Pitkin award for the highest four-year average; and

WHEREAS, following his radiology residency at the University of Texas and post-graduate training at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, he founded the Columbia Radiology Group; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nickell served as Chief of Staff at Maury Regional Hospital, President of the Maury County Medical Society, President of the Tennessee Radiological Society and Medical Director of the Columbia State Community College School of Radiological Technology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nickell also served multiple terms as advisor to the Radiological Health Service of the State of Tennessee as a member of the Liaison Committee of the TRS; and

WHEREAS, a twice-wounded United States Army World War II combat veteran, Lawrence Nickell served in the entire European campaign from the invasion of Normandy to the

capture of the Rhine, earning five campaign stars, the Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nickell was awarded the Verdun Medal by the French Government for his service in liberating France in World War II; and

WHEREAS, a gifted writer, Dr. Nickell used his experience to author *Red Devil*, a fascinating firsthand account of his infantry warfare during World War II; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. Nickell was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Radiological Society, American Medical Association and Physician's Recognition Awards for Continuing Medical Education, and the 1998 Community Service Award from the Maury County Medical Society; he was also honored with induction as a Fellow of the American College of Radiology; and

WHEREAS, passionately dedicated to helping the less fortunate, Lawrence Nickell selflessly donated his time and talents to St. Croix Hospital in Haiti, Miraj Medical Center in India, and McCormick Hospital in Thailand; he also did six tours of duty with St. Jude Hospital in St. Lucia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nickell was also a philanthropic leader, having served as President and lifetime board member of the local Habitat for Humanity, Trustee of the Maury County Library Board, President of the Maury County Tuberculosis Association, board member of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and a member of the President's Club at Columbia State Community College; he also served on the advisory board for the Tennessee Division of the President's Commission on Cancer, Stroke, and Heart Disease; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nickell was an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully as Elder Emeritus and member of the Diaconate and Session; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nickell was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Nickell enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-seven years, Mary Ann Roll Nickell, and was the proud parent of Kitty Brewer, Nannette Hunter, Courtney Brady, and Lawrence R. Nickell, Jr.; he is further survived by his grandchildren, Catey Cole Hunter, Andy Hunter, Kit Hunter, Caleb Brewer, James Brewer, and Nicholas Brewer; a

great-granddaughter, Avree Brewer; a brother, Dr. William Harold Nickell; and other family members in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence R. Nickell leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Lawrence R. Nickell, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Nickell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.